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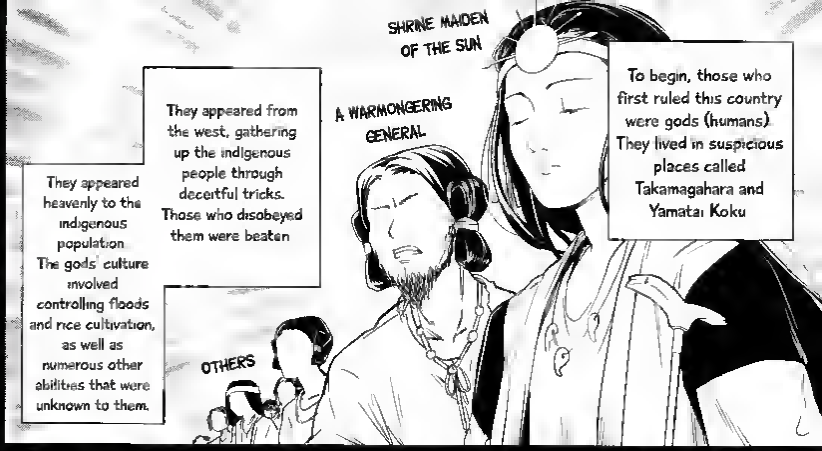
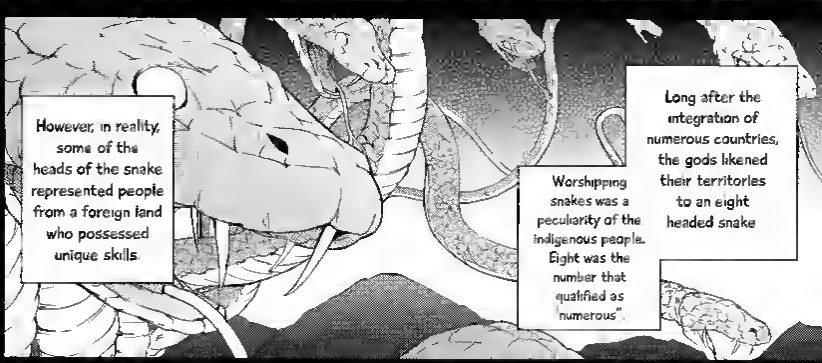
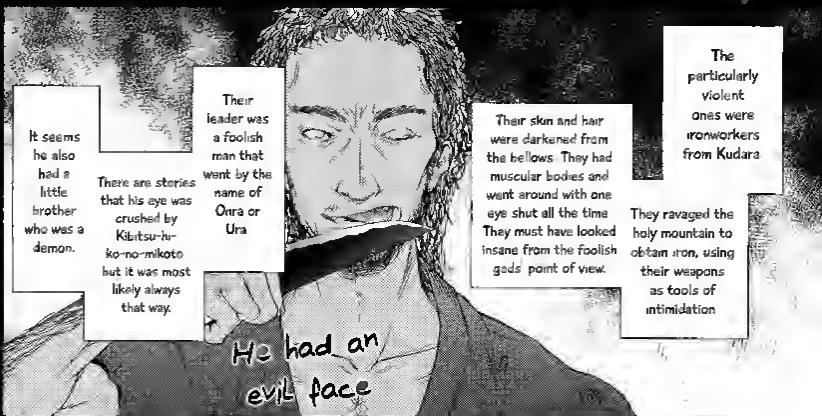
Apparently, a long time ago...
there lived people called "demons" in this country


SHRINE MAIDEN OF THE SUN
A WARMONGERING GENERAL
OTHERS
To begin, those who first ruled this country were gods (humans). They lived in suspicious places called Takamagahara and Yamatai Koku
They appeared from the west, gathering up the indigenous people through deceitful tricks. Those who disobeyed them were beaten
They appeared heavenly to the indigenous population. The gods' culture involved controlling floods and rice cultivation, as well as numerous other abilities that were unknown to them.


However, in reality, some of the heads of the snake represented people from a foreign land who possessed unique skills.
Worshipping snakes was a peculiarity of the indigenous people. Eight was the number that qualified as "numerous".
Long after the integration of numerous countries, the gods likened their territories to an eight headed snake


It seems he also had a little brother who was a demon.
There are stories that his eye was crushed by Kibitsu-hiko-no-mikoto but it was most likely always that way.
Their leader was a foolish man that went by the name of Onra or Ura
Their skin and hair were darkened from the bellows. They had muscular bodies and went around with one eye shut all the time. They must have looked insane from the foolish gods' point of view.
The particularly violent ones were ironworkers from Kudara
They ravaged the holy mountain to obtain iron, using their weapons as tools of intimidation
He had an evil face

This was purely done in order to discriminate against the demons. The idea of this came from the sorcerers. These sorcerers were some of the descendants of the foolish gods, and were given the role of controlling the demons.
This name became attributed with the kanji character for "demon" as well. It carried a similar meaning as "the dead"
Before long, they were disparagingly given the name of "Oni"
In the capital "Onu" carried the meaning of "the dead"
One of the two managed to escape to the northeastern* areas and founded a village. His descendants began to erroneously refer to their family name as "Onu".
*"The northeast, or "ushi-tora", is regarded as an unlucky direction. It's comprised of "ushi" and "tora" the words for cow and tiger respectively
They were mockingly depicted in art as having the horns of a cow, the fangs of a tiger and in undergarments.
Its possibly because of this, that the sight of them secretly carrying steel into the capital was coined a "demonic pandemonium"
In the capital, incredibly old fashioned tattoos were recognized as being common in the northern lands.
Demons were told only to enter the capital at night.
They were taken advantage of and treated horribly.
A particular demon by the name of Shuten Douji received such horrendous treatment and was regarded as a monster. He lost his mind in anger.
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Dubh Dubm Dubm Dubdubm
Ghost Boss BGM
He swore that he would someday get vengeance, but he was an idiot, and was also deceived by the sorcerers.
Ibaraki Douji had a favorable relationship with Shuten However, even at great annoyence to him, he chose to live and ran away.
He lived in Mt. Ooe and ravaged the nearby towns. But in the end, being an idiot, he was coerced into drinking sake. He was defeated by Minamoto no Yorimitsu, who was accompanied by Kintarou.
A dramatization of the encounter

Foreseeing a coming revolt, the sorcerers turned the demons into lab rats and had their way with them
"We shall bestow on you the means and power to continue your rage."
Perhaps due to some suggestion on the behalf of the sorcerers, the swords the demons used were said to bring bad luck. They were called "bewitched swords"
And so every time war broke out the demons were sent into battle. They became battle demons used for trampling other humans.
They created hardy warriors that could be called berserkers.
In present terms, they're modified humans from the evil organization Shocker
Using devious methods, they imprinted hatred of humans upon the demons. They strengthened their bodies through advanced training and closely implemented selective breeding.
At some point, the humans completely forgot about the demons
Before long, their story was treated as legend
As time passed, the advance of technology rendered the demons useless.
Through one way or another the foolish demons who lived throughout the country were easily taken advantage of
However...

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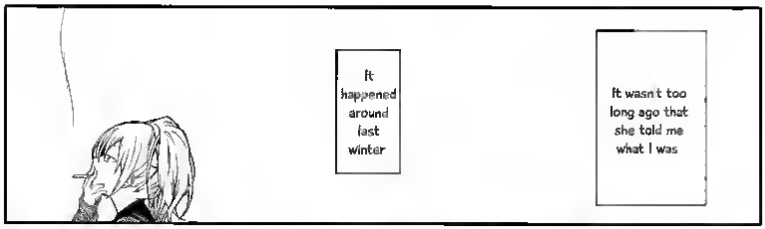
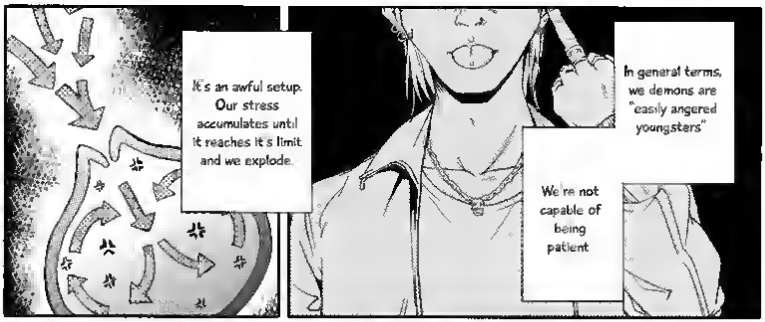
STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM
That's your people, the "demons".
Takatogi Prefecture - South High
These days you're nothing more than harmful pests A bunch of cockroaches among cockroaches
Yeah, sure I'm aware
Heh not like were the bad ones in that story
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT - THIRD YEAR HIMEI TOUKA
T.C.H
FIRST YEAR STUDENT AM SAKA SHIHO
Do you get it? I've said it again and again, you damn halfwit
You barge in here so openly, huh? Piece of trash
You sure have a foul mouth You sound like a thug.
IT'S NEW MOON GRASS!
Yeah! That stuff! New tentacles!
These are not cigarettes It's new moon grass
I think it's coming today
Enough of that stuff
Give me my smokes

TL note: The pronounciation of moon grass, "gessou" closely resembles the word associated with squid sounds.
moon grass = gessou squid noise = geso

Here you go
Oh!
Thanks
Just hand them over without the babble next time
Your constant lectures stress me out even worse
Hmph
If you'd go through the "return of Ura" over that then you'd be long dead.
People like you should be thankful that you're merely alive
Yeah, sure
Take it easy
Besides, that medicine of yours doesn't do anything special
It makes you a little late at best Don't use it for any other purpose
Ah, damn I got it okay? Shut up
See you.
One moment
Hurry and find your "scabbard"
Before I have to get involved
I'll do what I can




It's an awful setup. Our stress accumulates until it reaches it's limit and we explode.
In general terms, we demons are "easily angered youngsters"
We're not capable of being patient

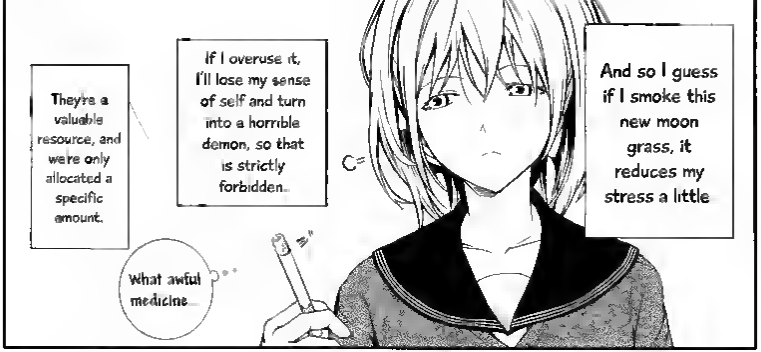
That's why to this day we continue to be hidden away from society by the descendants of the sorcerers. We allow them to take advantage of us in exchange for their protection

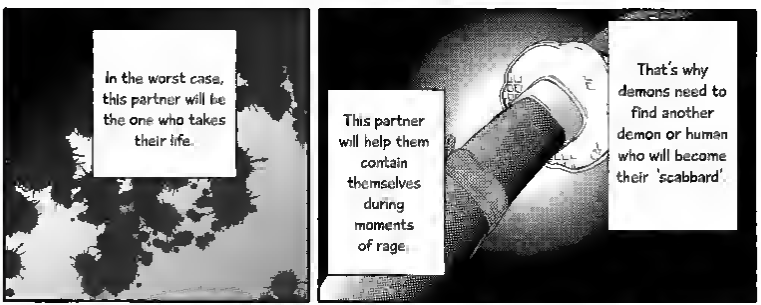
It varies from person to person, but most demons have above average strength, so this is a very serious issue. Frequently because an incident makes the news, it's said to be the work of demons

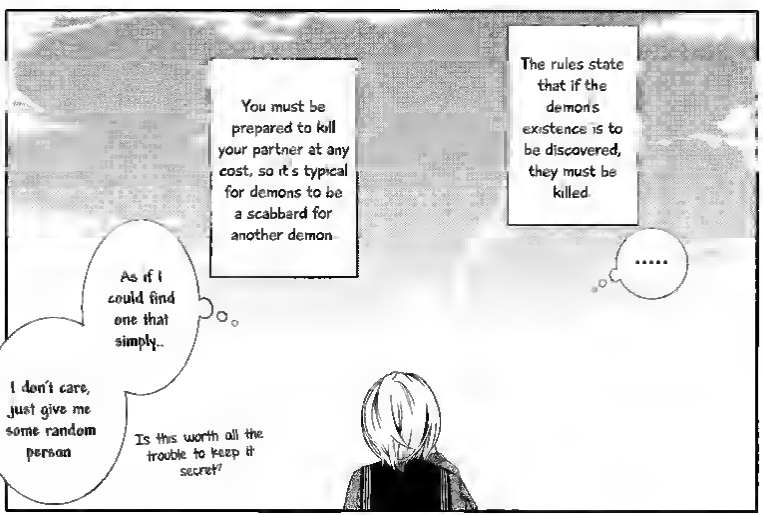
They freaked people out by smashing an apple like they do on TV

To be honest, I don't think there would be much change in our treatment if the public found out about us it might even get better But their backup is revered as godly so it's a delicate situation

Apparently that event is called the "return of Ura".
When we reach that destructive point, we lose all sense of reason and act out in violence.


They're a valuable resource, and we're only allocated a specific amount.
If I overuse it, I'll lose my sense of self and turn into a horrible demon, so that is strictly forbidden.
And so I guess if I smoke this new moon grass, it reduces my stress a little.
What awful medicine...


In the worst case, this partner will be the one who takes their life.
This partner will help them contain themselves during moments of rage.
That's why demons need to find another demon or human who will become their 'scabbard'.


You must be prepared to kill your partner at any cost, so it's typical for demons to be a scabbard for another demon.
The rules state that if the demon's existence is to be discovered, they must be killed.
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As if I could find one that simply...
I don't care, just give me some random person
Is this worth all the trouble to keep it secret?

Ah, umm...
What are you doing? Class is in session
Higashi-yama, was it?
Ah!
You're the new...
That goes for you, too, Amasaka-san.
pant
pant

PWAH!
타! 챠!

I'm begging you
Huh?
Hurry get out of here
I'm fine... or maybe not
You okay? Sounds like you can barely breathe
I'm skipping class

You have a scabbard right?
I texted her, she'll be coming right away
Please... you need to get away from here...
pant
pant
Is she about to undergo the "return of Ura"?

Ah, wait, by any chance...
I can take you to the infirmary if you're sick.

EH
I shouldn't need to
We're basically companions, right?
No
that doesn't matter
HURRY!
If you don't, I—
I'm telling you, don't worry
Even among demons, I'm pretty strong, so—
Eh—
WHA—
!?
If you don't run...

I am going...
EH!?
to take ♡ your virginity!!
... Huh?
REACH
Wha.. WHAT!?
HOLD ON!
AHH!?
WAIT!
WAIT WAIT WAIT WAIT WAIT WAIT!
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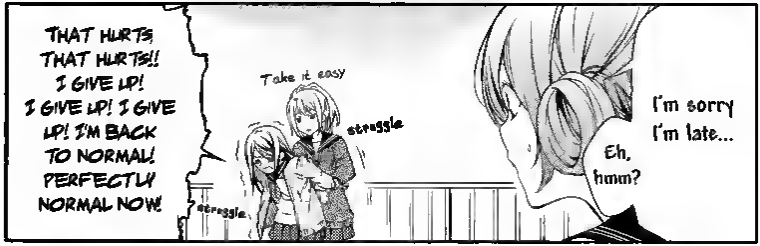
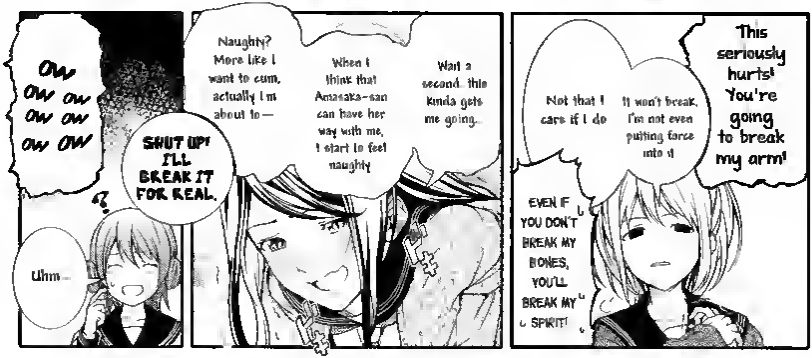
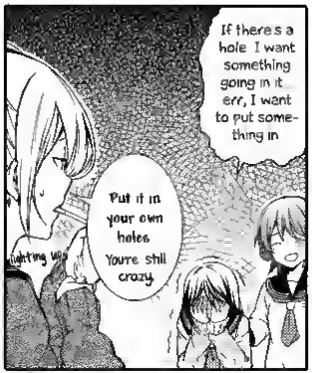
NATSUKI-CHAN!

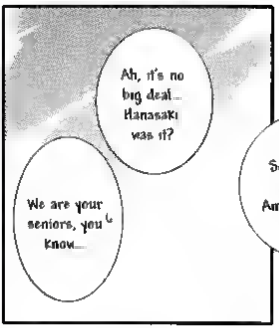

I'm sorry I'm late...
Eh, hmm?
Take it easy
struggle
struggle
THAT HURTS THAT HURTS!! I GIVE UP! I GIVE UP! I GIVE UP! I'M BACK TO NORMAL! PERFECTLY NORMAL NOW!


This seriously hurts! You're going to break my arm!
It won't break. I'm not even putting force into it
Not that I care if I do
EVEN IF YOU DON'T BREAK MY BONES, YOU'LL BREAK MY SPIRIT!
Wait a second... this kinda gets me going...
When I think that Amasaka-san can have her way with me, I start to feel naughty
Naughty? More like I want to cum, actually I'm about to—
Ow, ow ow ow ow ow ow
SHUT UP! I'LL BREAK IT FOR REAL.
Uhm...

DING DONG

I'm not much different from you
It's not like I'm laughing at you, okay?
Why did I have to go into heat right at this very moment?
I didn't want anyone other than Chiri-chan to see me this way!
Uggh... I'm so ashamed!
I STILL FEEL HORRIBLE!!
She's still a pain in the ass either way


If there's a hole I want something going in it... err, I want to put something in
Put it in your own holes. You're still crazy


Ah, it's no big deal... Hanasaki was it?
We are your seniors, you know...

Well, I guess that's just what the "return of Ura" does to you
You don't act the right way
I thought she was mild mannered when I first met her too
Sorry about all this, Amasaka-san
There, there
WAHHH!

You okay?
Yeah
No big deal then
I wasn't sure if you knew or not
I don't know how successful I am though
No I'm trying to follow all this stuff.
Ahaha!

Sorry sorry!
Well...
It kinda hurts when you put it like that

I'm not used to social hierarchy
Ah, my bad err I'm sorry
Oh right!
You've always been by yourself

We only saw each other once in the student council room
Once again
I'm Hanasaki Chiri
Her name is Higashiyama Natsuki
We're both sophomores.
I'm very sorry
Ahh
Amasaka Shiho
Shiho-chan then!
Shiho
You're still getting used to all this, right?
We don't know everything, but feel free to ask if you have any questions!
What's with that?
We don't have many friends.
I figured.
Not like I need to say it, but we're one and the same!
Come and find me, mister demon
It's time for lunch... would you like to talk in the cafeteria?
Ah...
Would you mind if we did it some other time?
I'd like to relax out here
Ahh...
IT'S ACTUALLY COMING TODAY
Really...? Sorry for all the commotion, then
Not at all
I'm fine. Tomorrow will probably be the big day
Ah!
Is it that time for you? You okay?
I AM WORRIED
FORGET WHAT YOU SAW!
Natsuki-senpai, don't worry about me

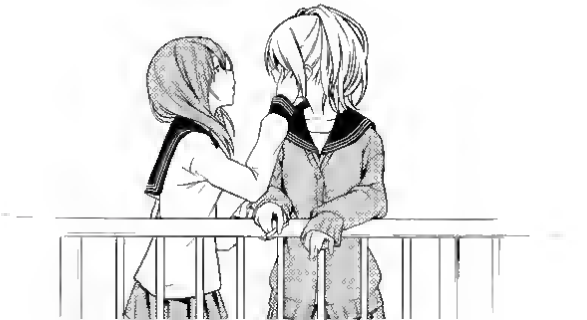
Good grief...
Commotion, huh...? It was just a lot of noise...
SIGH
.....
Maybe it's even worse having another demon see that, since we know how it all works.
I get that, though.
Even if it is our other side, it still has root in who we are.
I guess she didn't want anyone to see her that way.

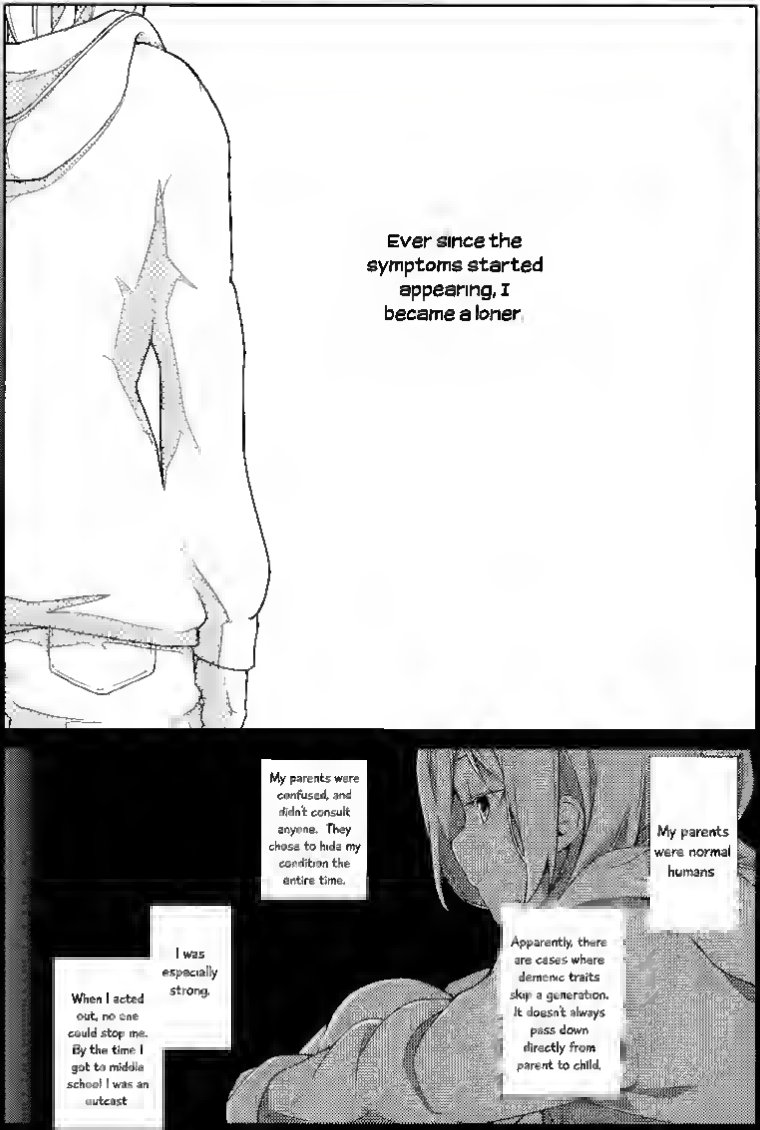
How should I put it...
It's the first time I've seen another person go into the "return of Ura".
Ah
It's almost here.
what a drag.
I better go home.
AMASAKA-SAAAAN!
Ahh!!
Ah! damn it!
SNIFF
AAMAAAA SAAAAKAAAA-SAAAAAAN!

There you are!
Jeez! You're skipping morning classes again!
I'm the one who's going to get yelled at
GEH...
Uraki
CLASS REP — FIRST YEAR
URAKI MANA
Ah! You're smoking!
I'm going to let the teachers know!
The roof is off Limits!
Jeez!
Oh, piss off. It's not a cigarette.
It's medicine. Medicine.
That's even worse! Drugs!?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT
I thought so too...at first
What now? I don't have time for this.
Ahh, I got caught by this pain in the ass
Get back to class. Don't fret over me
Ugh, there it is.
Quit acting like a tame wolf. It's totally tame
Excuse me?
You wanna fight? Huh?
I do not—
What!? How am I creepy!?
You serious? That's creepy.
I just became class rep by coincidence. I didn't want to do it
I'm doing this because I like to, not cause I'm the class rep!
I'm alone because I want to be. Now get lost
TCH!!
It's not in style to watch over your classmates just cause you're the class rep these days

Blech! Gross! Spit.
HUH?
Come on, give me all of them
I'll hold them for you
I'm not a moron
What are you doing, moron!?
GIVE IT BACK!
HONESTLY!
Ah—
Hmm?
Well, whatever.
God, shut up I'm on my period, okay? Period
It's worse than usual.
What are you so angry for? It's pathetic.
TCH
You think you'll drive people away if you simply use foul language? What a loser.
Aren't you ashamed to talk like that?
Wow terrible
WHAT THE HELL YOU TALKIN' ABOUT BITCH? DON'T FUCK WITH ME, I'LL RAPE YOU.
AHH, DAMN, JUST GET THE HELL AWAY FROM ME!
I'm asking because
I feel sick, okay?
That's what I've been saying
Huh?
Are you actually not feeling well by any chance?
Hey!
What are you looking at? Class is starting Get lost

you're crying

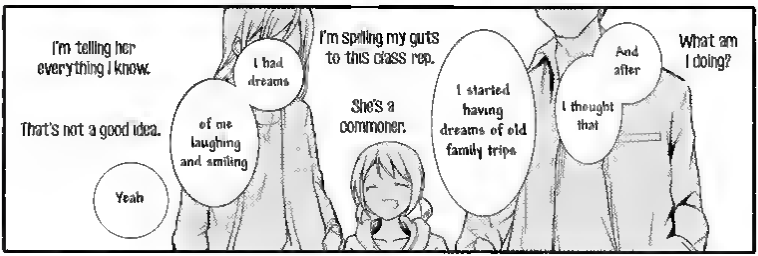


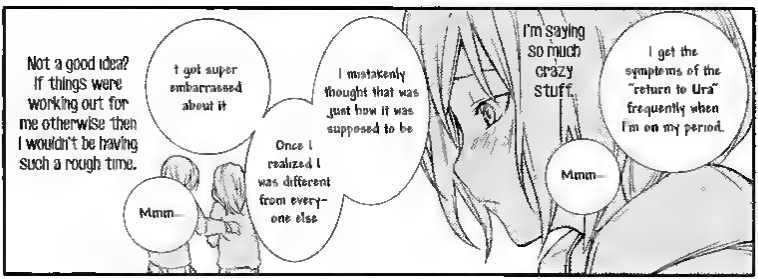

Ever since the symptoms started appearing, I became a loner.
My parents were normal humans
Apparently, there are cases where demonic traits skip a generation. It doesn't always pass down directly from parent to child.
My parents were confused, and didn't consult anyone. They chose to hide my condition the entire time.
I was especially strong.
When I acted out, no one could stop me. By the time I got to middle school I was an outcast

But right before I graduated middle school I went on a rampage
So for a while people only thought of me as that dangerous girl
I was always regarded as someone who spoiled the mood.
I skipped class whenever I felt like it When I was about to get my period I hid in a closet
In exchange for them covering up what happened, I became their personal property
It got on the news and those people found me Luckily I fell under their care
I don't remember much of what happened, but I threw a huge tantrum like a little kid A lot of people were injured
But I guess it's thanks to that I'm able to live by myself I enjoy taking it easy.
They didn't want me too involved with them and instructed me to find my scabbard Despite that they didn't provide any special room or board typical for someone with my condition
I started commuting to this high school last spring
I had no lingering attachments to the place but I said goodbye to my family and the city I grew up in

There are others around me who have to tackle the same problems
I'm able to deal with all this a little better though, and that's relieving.
They're like the yakuza it freaks me out.
This is heaven compared to back when I was living trembling with fear.
They tell me that I'll be killed if anyone finds out about me Though I'm sorta used to living in secret.
that's what I thought
At least
"Ahh, great, if I stay alive then even the winds can change in my favor, huh"
How should I say it...
Mmm...

It's started to feel like there's a gaping hole in my heart
I realized that
It hurts in my chest
this must be what loneliness feels like


I'm telling her everything I know.
That's not a good idea.
Yeah
I had dreams of me laughing and smiling
I'm spilling my guts to this class rep.
She's a commoner.
I started having dreams of old family trips
And after I thought that
What am I doing?


Not a good idea? If things were working out for me otherwise then I wouldn't be having such a rough time.
Mmm—
I got super embarrassed about it
Once I realized I was different from everyone else
I mistakenly thought that was just how it was supposed to be
I'm saying so much crazy stuff.
Mmm—
I get the symptoms of the "return to Ura" frequently when I'm on my period.

I'm a weak crybaby, a spineless girl who craves attention.
This is the other side of me.
There were times when I started crying like this in class.
Mmm...
They probably thought I was annoying.
Mmhm...
I used some awful excuse to avoid being with some upperclassmen a moment ago
Mmm...
Scabbard? Please
I don't have any friends
Mmhm
As for you, class rep
You probably hate me too
.....
I know you do...
And it's my fault
It is, but still...
to help me out
I can't just ask you
I'm such an idiot

.....
Do you want me to help you?
Shiho-chan...
All that must have been painful.

I'll give you a hand.
All right.

I'll be
the one who becomes your scabbard!

... What?

TO BE CONTINUED

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AFTERWORD

HELLO, JIROMARU HERE. THANKS FOR READING. I'M SURE IT WAS CLUMSY AT SOME POINTS AND DIFFICULT TO READ AT OTHERS, BUT I HOPE YOU ENJOYED READING THIS. THE BACKSTORY IS ALL MADE UP, SO DON'T READ TOO DEEP INTO IT. THERE ARE SOME COMPLICATED DETAILS THAT I WILL BE EXPLAINING IN FUTURE CHAPTERS. DEEP DOWN, IT'S A SILLY STORY, SO JUST PUSH YOURSELF THROUGH IT.

SEE YOU LATER!

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